

**In The Claims**

Please cancel, without prejudice, claims 2-10, 13-16, and 18-26.

Please amend the remaining claims as follows:

1 1. (presently amended) A method of receiving data at a client computer and performing an  
2 operation on the data received at the client computer, the method comprising:  
3 a. receiving a key file at the client computer, the key file comprising a rule identifying the  
4 operation to be performed on the data received at the client computer;  
5 b. receiving the data at the client computer; and  
6 c. performing the operation identified by the rule in the key file on the data received at the  
7 client computer, wherein:  
8 the data is an executable file;  
9 the key file for storing the executable file at the client computer such that the executable file  
10 is executed upon the next boot-up of the client computer.

1 2. (cancel)

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1 6. (cancel)

1 7. (cancel)

1 8. (cancel)

1 9. (cancel)

1 10. (cancel)

1 11. (presently amended) The method of ~~Claim 8~~Claim 1, wherein said running the executable file  
2 occurs a plurality of times upon subsequent boot-ups of the client computer.

1 12. (presently amended) The method of ~~Claim 8~~Claim 1, further comprising displaying a message  
2 at the client computer upon receipt of the executable file.

1 13. (cancel)

1 14. (cancel)

1 15. (cancel)

1 16. (cancel)

1 17. (presently amended) A method of transmitting data to at least one client computer, the method  
2 comprising:

3 a. providing data to be transmitted to the at least one client computer;

4 b. generating a key file comprising a rule identifying an operation to be performed on the data;

5 c. transmitting the key file to the at least one client computer; and

6 d. transmitting the data to the at least one client computer, wherein:

7 the data is an executable file; and

8 the key file for executing the executable file upon the next boot-up of the client computer.

9 18. (cancel)

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